

Terms of Reference

<u>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</u>		
Membership	Terms of Reference	Delegation of Functions
12 members of the authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate, scrutinise, monitor, oversee and comment on service delivery mechanisms, policy implementation, or any other issue affecting the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness or its residents provided that they have previously been considered by either the Executive Committee or Council. • Appoint such Sub-Committees as it considers appropriate to fulfil those overview and scrutiny functions <p>Policy development and review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assist the Council in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues; • conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options; • consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options; • question Members of Committees and Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and • liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working. 	The Committee may, appoint Sub-Committees to deal with particular issues including the development of the Council's budget.

Scrutiny

- review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of Committees and Council Officers both in relation to individual decisions and over time;
- review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
- question Members of Committees and Chief Officers about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
- make recommendations to the Executive Committee and/or Council arising from the outcomes of the scrutiny process;
- review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance; and
- question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).

Annual report

- Must report annually to Full Council on its workings and make recommendations for future work programme and amended working methods if appropriate.

Officers

- May exercise overall responsibility for the work programme of the Officers employed to support its work.

